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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

The following references are discussed in the Background of the
Invention:

U.S. Patent 3,942,532 (Hunter, et al., issued March 9, 1976).

U.S. Patent 4,624,256 (Messier et al., issued November 25,
1986).

U.S. Patent 3,527,650 (Block, A., issued September 8, 1970).

U.S. Patent 4,470,941 (Kurtz, L., issued September 11, 1984).

WO 86/00020 (Kurtz et al., issued January 3, 1986).

The following additional references may be relevant to the
examination of the above-identified application:

U.S. Patent 3,187,752 (Glick, A., issued June 8, 1965),
discloses a tightly braided nonabsorbable suture coated with a
polymeric silicone.

U.S. Patent 4,043,344 (Landi et al., issued August 23, 1977),
discloses a nonabsorbable suture coated with a polyoxyethylene-
polyoxypropylene copolymer.

U.S. Patent 4,047,533 (Periaccante et al., issued September 13, 1977), discloses an absorbable suture coated with a polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene copolymer.


U.S. Patent 4,946,467 (Ohi et al., issued August 7, 1990), discloses a suture having a core of one synthetic fiber material and a covering sheath of silk strands.

U.K. Patent Application GB 2 218 312A, discloses a fishing line of braided construction, some braid filaments being composed of polythene and other filaments composed of polyester and/or nylon.

German Patent DE 2949920, discloses a suture having a core of fibers composed of platinum or gold, and a braided sheath of fibers composed of polytetrafluoroethylene.

A completed Form PTO-1449 and a copy of each cited reference is attached herewith.

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